

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: September 21, 2005

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes      No   X  

Department: DISTRICT 1

Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Presentation of Mayor's Proclamation observing the week of October 9-15, 2005 as "Fire Prevention Week."

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Fire Prevention Week has been celebrated nationally since 1925. Fire Chief Clark Martin or his designee will receive the proclamation.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** N/A

**BUDGETED:** Yes      No     

**COST TO COUNTY:**                     

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**                     

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes    No   

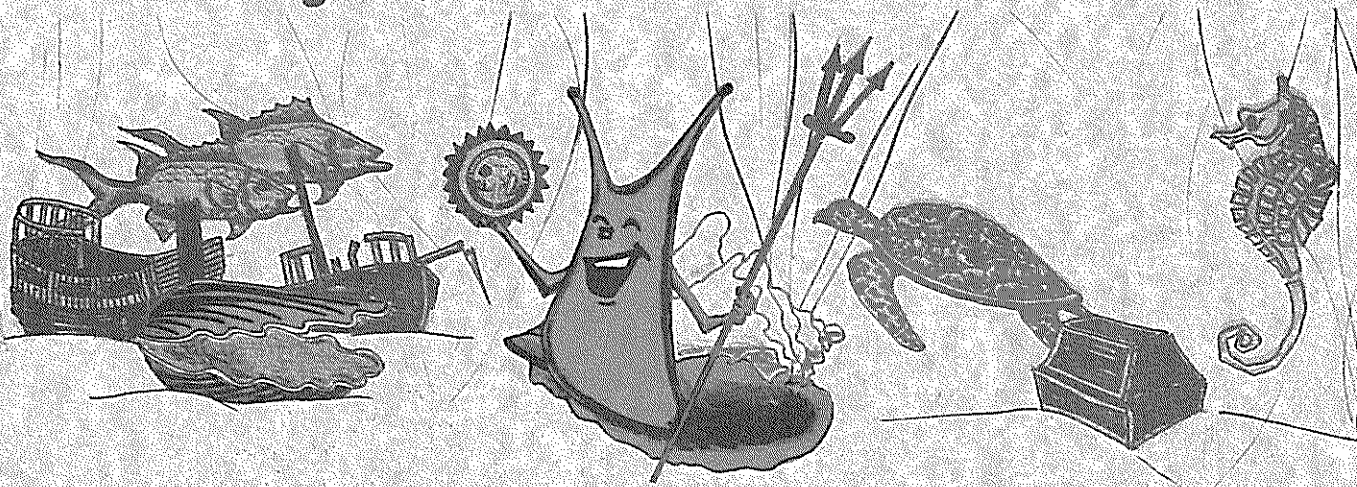
**AMOUNT PER MONTH**      **Year**     

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty N/A OMB/Purchasing N/A Risk Management N/A

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:** *Dixie M. Spehar*  
MAYOR DIXIE M. SPEHAR

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included   X   Not Required     

**DISPOSITION:**                                      **AGENDA ITEM #**



# Mayor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that tragically killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

**WHEREAS**, this event changed the way the firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety.

**WHEREAS**, on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

**WHEREAS**, in 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

**WHEREAS**, The President of the United States has signed a proclamation pronouncing a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week 2005 is October 9-15 with the theme "Use Candles With Care".

**WHEREAS**, recognition is due to all fire rescue personnel serving in a variety of roles for their unselfish dedication to Florida's residents and visitors.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 9 through 15, 2005 as

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The citizens of Monroe County, Florida, and all citizens are called upon to observe this week with the appropriate ceremonies and activities.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, Florida, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2005.

*Dixie M. Spehar*  
Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor